

Documentarian Yoland Skeete of the Sumei Multidisciplinary Arts Center continues to unravel the facts concerning the history of Newark's Chinatown.

Sumei Multidisciplinary Arts Center is creating a permanent historical exhibition of this very important part of Newark's immigrant history.

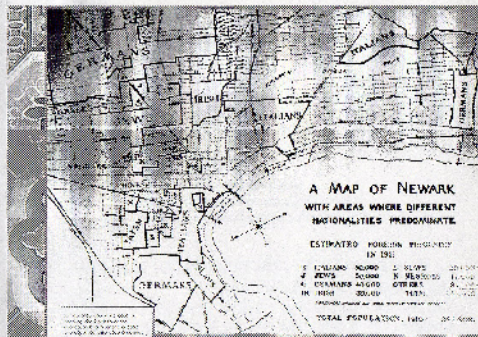
Be part of Newark's History

The Sumei Multidisciplinary Arts Center is interested in speaking with any one who may have experienced Newark's Chinatown. Photographs, interviews and any other pertinent material will be greatly appreciated.



Circa 1960s.
A group of young people from Newark's Chinatown in their Sunday best, play around the flagpole at Newark Post Office Grounds, located at Franklin Street and what is currently known as Federal Square.

If you would like to contribute to this historical project and be part of Newark's history contact Yoland Skeete at
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1910 racial population map of Newark commissioned by Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey.

Newark, NJ - 1901

Newark's oldest and largest Grocery Store and Chinese Pharmaceutical Company carrying approximately 600 traditional Chinese herbs was located at 209 Mulberry Street. It was originally located on Houston Street in 1885. It supplied restaurants and families in the area thru the 1960s, although it changed owners several times.

Newark, NJ - 1910

Anna Seymour, widow of ex-Mayor James Seymour, together with the family of Stephen Crane, civil war author, built the Mulberry Chinatown Arcade housing merchants and families.

Newark, NJ - 1922

3,000 Chinese lived in Newark Chinatown. Raids on Chinese community under the pretext of finding illegal immigrants and drugs began to drive the Chinese community out of Chinatown.

Newark, NJ - 1933

1,000 people left in Chinatown. Newark Chinese continued to be subjects of constant harassment. 700 families leave because of continual raids on the community by police and FBI agents.

Newark, NJ - 2001

Two Chinese families still live in Newark Chinatown whose ancestors date back to the 1870's. They and the recent occupants of old Chinatown will be displaced in the Spring of 2002 by an arena built to accommodate the New Jersey Nets.



Circa 1930s.
Federal Officers and detectives arresting a Chinese man through a fence they had chopped with axes, in a fence in the Mulberry Arcade. During one year there had been 42 of these raids on the Chinese community.

